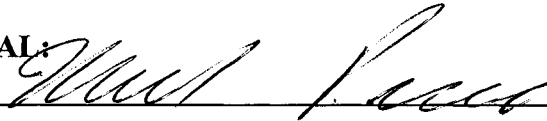


# REPORT

**DATE:** November 3, 2005  
**TO:** Administrative Committee  
Regional Council  
**FROM:** Charlie Wagner, Manager of Finance  
**SUBJECT:** Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Applications

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize SCAG to apply for \$588,854 in Transportation Planning Grant Applications grant funds which are competitively awarded by Caltrans.

**SUMMARY:**

On an annual basis, Caltrans solicits applications statewide from Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOs) and other local government and non-profit entities engaged in regional planning activities. For many of these categories, SCAG as the MPO for this region, must be the applicant, with cities, counties, public agencies, non-profits and Native American Tribal Governments as sub-recipients. The attached list reflects the applications recommended for submittal to Caltrans.

**BACKGROUND:**

Each year, Caltrans solicits applications for the following categories of transportation planning grants:

- Partnership Planning – planning studies of multi-regional and statewide significance. (\$950,000 available statewide; grant cap \$300,000.)
- Statewide Transit Planning Studies – transit studies of issues having statewide or multi-regional significance. (\$950,000 available statewide; grant cap \$350,000.)
- Transit Technical Planning Assistance – public and intermodal transportation planning studies in rural transit areas. (\$750,000 available statewide; grant cap \$100,000.)
- Transit Professionals Development – training and development of transit planning professionals and students. (\$150,000 available statewide; grant cap \$50,000.)
- Environmental Justice: Context Sensitive Planning- projects that promote public participation to improve mobility, access, equity affordable housing, and economic opportunities. (\$1,500,000 available statewide; grant cap \$250,000.)
- Community-Based Transportation Planning – transportation and land use planning that promotes public participation and supports livable community concepts. (\$1,500,000 available statewide; grant cap \$250,000.)

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Each type of grant requires cash and/or in-kind local match, ranging from 11.47% to 20.00% of the total project value. The FY 2005-2006 OWP includes 10 previously awarded Transportation Planning Grants reflecting over \$1,000,000 in total grant funding.

SCAG staff has reviewed applications submitted by sub-recipients for completeness and compliance with Caltrans requirements. Application requirements include the provision that projects must demonstrate consideration of the criteria found in the Federal Planning Emphasis Areas and State Planning Priorities. Per Caltrans requirements, each project will also be included the draft SCAG FY 2006-2007 OWP that is required to be submitted to Caltrans in early 2006.

Attached is a listing of the project applications received by SCAG and recommended for submittal to Caltrans. The listing includes the project name, the grant type and amount, the required match, and the sub-recipient. Caltrans anticipates awarding projects by July 2006.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Awarded projects will provide additional funding in SCAG's OWP to conduct the approved projects.

# 2006-2007 Transportation Planning Grant Applications

	Project Title	Total Project	Grant Funds	Cash Match	In-Kind Match	Source of Match	Actual Cash & In-Kind Match %	Type	Co-Applicant
1	Winterhaven/Quechan Reservation Rural Connector Project	40,000	35,412	0	4,588	Yuma MPO	0.1147	5313b	Yuma MPO <sup>1</sup>
2	Evaluating Development Potential around Transit Stations: New WEB-based GIS Tools for California	338,868	300,000 total 80,000 SCAG staff & 220,000 UCLA	0	38,868	UCLA	0.1147	5313b	UCLA Center for Neighborhood Knowledge <sup>2</sup>
3	Transportation Career Academy Planning Internship Program	85,945	50,000	10,750	25,195	MTA	0.4182	5313b	MTA
4	Transportation Planning Internship Program	500,000	50,000	450,000	0	MTA	0.9000	5313b	MTA
5	SunLine Transit Agency Marketing Plan	40,000	35,200	0	4,800	SunLine	0.1200	5313b	SunLine Transit
6	SunLine Transit Agency Transit Professional Program	50,000	44,000	0	6,000	SunLine	0.1200	5313b	SunLine Transit
7	Forrester Road Interregional Feasibility Study	92,803	74,242		18,561	IVAG	0.2000	Partnership Planning	IVAG
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,147,616</b>	<b>\$588,854</b>	<b>\$460,750</b>	<b>\$98,012</b>				

<b>Total 5313b</b>	1,054,813	514,612
<b>Total SP&amp;R</b>	92,803	74,242
Actual match shown - may be higher than required minimum match		
SP&R requires minimum 20% match		
5313b requires minimum 11.47% match		

## Notes:

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1 The service area for this project is in California, but is served by the Yuma, Ariz. MPO and bus service. Caltrans verbally confirmed YMPO is an eligible co applicant.